GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CORRUPTION IN DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated June 7,2002 regarding corruption in DDA;

(b): if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c): the steps the Union Government propose to take for all round development of Delhi and to make DDA free from curruption and for ensuring that the Government do not succumb to any pressure or influence in this mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): DDA was constituted to promote and secure the development of Delhi and has been engaged in diverse and meaningful city building activities, which include acquisition of land, development of housing complexes, green belts, shopping and commercial centers etc. In this huge developmental task, there have been some instances of failure in some departments. Necessary action has been initiated against the defaulting officials. Various steps have been taken to plug the loopholes in the system.

DDA has adopted three pronged strategy viz. preventive, detective and punitive to curb corruption in the organization. Instructions have been issued by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation to check corruption. These include introduction of computerization and e-governance, training of work force and exercising strict vigilance at all levels, simplification of rules, regulations and adoption of transparency in procedures. In order to streamline the functioning of DDA the time limits for various transactions are monitored by senior officers of DDA. The receipt and dispatch section has been computerized. Counselors/facilitators have been posted in the main reception hall of DDA for assisting the public and also providing guidelines and help in documentation. Strict disciplinary action is being taken against defaulting officials. In all these actions, procedures as laid down in law is followed.